SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: No, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Indo-China Talks

†*302 SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of officers' level talks and meetings held between India and China during the last three years alongwith the details thereof;

(b) the details of the discussions held in these meetings on mutual cooperation, trade, cultural exchange, movement of tourists, etc.;

(c) whether talks are being held between India and China to simplify the procedure for issuance of passport for tourism purposes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) The details of official level talks between India and China during that last three years is annexed *(See* below). During these meetings, the two sides discussed a wide range of issues of mutual interest, including in the field of trade, cultural exchange, movement of tourists, etc. Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Murasoli Maran visited China and co-chaired the Sixth Meeting of the India-China Joint Group on Economic Relations and Trade, Science and Technology in Beijing on February 21-22, 2000. During the meeting, the two sides agreed on measures to expand and diversify bilateral trade. In 1999, the trade was US$ 1.987 billion, an increase of 3.4% over 1998. Cultural exchanges are ongoing in the framework of the Cultural Exchange Programme. These include visits by cultural troupes, exchange of students and scholars, film festivals, art and other exhibitions.

(c) There are no restrictions on the issuance of passports to Indian nationals visiting China for tourism or other purposes.

(d) and (e) Does not airse.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Official Level Talks Between India and China during the Last Three Years

Date	Details
3-4 March 1997	5th Meeting of the India-China Expert Group of Diplomatic and Military Officials
5—7 March 1997	Visit of Dr. N. Sen Roy, Director General (Meteorology) to China. MOU signed with Chinese side in the field of Meteorological Science and Technology.
20-21 March 1997	Visit of Dr. K. Kasturirangan, Secretary, Department of Space to China at the invitation of China National Space Administration.
26—30 May 1997	Lt. General V.P. Malik, Vice Chief of Army Staff to China at the invitation of HQ's of General Staff of the Chinese Staff of the PLA. Visited Beijing, Chengdu, and Guangzhou. Called on Defence Minister Chi Haotin.
18—20 May 1997	Visit of Shri M.K. Kaw, Secretary (Civil Aviation). Signed MOU for commencement of direct air services between India and China. Talks were on issues beyond points and intermediate point traffic rights.
1—7 June 1997	Visit of Shri N.P. Nawani, Secretary (I&B) to China for discussions with Radio &TV Vice Minister Yang Weiguang on Co-operation in radio and TV. Signed MOU on cooperation between DD and CCTV which provides for supply of programmes, reciprocal exchange of TV teams and cooperation in broadcasting technology.
June 1997	PLA delegation led by General Liao Xilong, Commander, Chengdu Military Region at invitation of the Indian Army.
6—13 July 1997	Commerce Minister B.B. Raamiah, Commerce Secretary, Shyamlal Ghosh, Secretary (Telecom Commission) A.K. Gokak for bilateral discussions.
4-5 August 1997	10th Meeting of the India-China Joint Working Group on the Boundary Question. Delegations led

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	by Vice Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan and Foreign Secretary K. Raghunath. Two sides exchanged instruments of Ratification in respect of CBM's Agreement and concluded a protocol on cooperation between Foreign Ministries of India and China.
27- -30 August 1997	Comptroller and Auditor General of India Shri V.K. Shunglu visited China at the invitation of Auditor General of China as part of Bilateral Exchange.
16—19 Sept. 1997	B.S/Baswan, Director Lai Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, visited China under MOU between two Ministries of Personnel. Visited Beijing, Shanghai and Nanjing.
17- -22 Sept 1997	Visit of Zhang Bailin, Vice Minister of Personnel to India, at the invitation of Secretary, Department of Personnel. Work Plan for 1998—2000 under MOU signed in 1995 on cooperation in civil services was signed.
15- -19 Oct. 1997	Liu Yanghang, Vice Minister for Electric Power visited India at the invitation of Ministry of Power for discussions on corporation in field of power.
20—26 Oct. 1997	Visit of Wen Kegang, Vice Minister, Metrological Administration of China to India. MOU on enhancing cooperation between India and China on data links was signed.
3—6 November 1997	Shri S. Narayan, Secretary (Coal) visited China for 4th Meeting of Working Group on Coal. Discussions took place on supply of spares for long wall mining equipment from China to India.
9- -15, November 1997	Smt. Kanti Singh, Minister of State for Coal visited China for bilateral discussions to boost cooperation in Coal. Went to visit coal fields near Jinan.
14—22 December 1997	Delegation led by HE Mr. Wei Jianxing, Member of Standing Committee of the Politburo of the CPC at invitation of Vice President of India in his

Date	Details
	capacity as the President of the ICCR. Met President, Vice President, Prime Minister, Speaker of Lok Sabha and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha as well as leaders of BJP, Congress (I) and CPM. Visited Delhi, Agra, Bangalore and Mumbai.
6—13 January 1998	Visit of Shri Y.N. Chaturvedi, Secretary, Department of Family Welfare to China to study maternal health and family planning practices in China.
11—18 April 1998	Visit of Chinese National Defence University delegation led by Lt. General Dong Yisheng to India. Visit was part of the regular exchanges between NDU and NDC of India.
26—30 April 1998	Visit of General Fu Quanyou, Chief of General Staff of PLA to India at the invitation of Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff of India. Visited Agra, Mumbai and Jodhpur. Called on Defence Minister and met with three Chiefs of Armed Forces.
28 April-6 May 1998	Vice Minister Chen Wendong visited India. Called on Secretary (Tourism)
30 April to 8 May 1998	Visit of Feng Tiyun, Vice Minister of Supervision to India, at the invitation of Secretary, Department of Personnel under India-China MOU on Cooperation in Personnel Matters. Discussed corruption and vigilance issues.
6-7 June 1998	6th Meeting of the India-China Expert Group of Diplomatic & Military Officials.
27 Sept.-l October 1998	Visit of Shri V. Anand, Secretary (Environment) to China at the invitation of the Chinese Foreign Ministry to exchange views on multilateral issues relating to environment.
3-4 February 1999	5th Meeting of the India-China Working Group on Coal held in New Delhi.
25-26 February 1999	First round of consultations between the Foreign Ministries of India and China at the level of JS(EA)

Date	Details
	T.C.A. Rangachari/Director General (Asia) Zhang Jiuhuan.
3— 10 April 1999	Ms. Qu Weizhi, Vice Minister for Electronics visited India for discussions with Secretary (Electronics) on enhancing cooperation.
26-27 April 1999	11th Meeting of the India-China Joint Working Group on the Boundary Question. Delegations led by Vice Foreign Minister Yang Wenchang and Foreign Secretary K. Raghunath.
23- -31 May 1999	Science & Technology Sub-commission met in Beijing. Concluded an Annual Programme of Cooperation. Programme focuses on areas of biotechnology, medical sciences, material sciences, earth sciences, chemical sciences, aeronautics, electronics and information technology.
14—16 June 1999	External Affairs Minister Jaswant Singh to China.
13- -17 Sept. 1999	Shri A.K. Basu, Secretary Steel visited China at the invitation of Vice Minister of State Administration of Metallurgical industries Mr. Zhoa Xizi, to discuss how to increase intake by China of iron ore and manganese ore.
22- -26 Nov. 1999	Mr. Zhao Xizi visited India, met Secretary Steel discussions on establishment of Joint Working Group on ferrous metallurgy.
26 November 1999	7th Meeting of India-China Expert Group of Diplomatic & Military Officials.
21—27 Dec. 1999	Lou Jiwei, Vice Minister of Finance visited India at the invitation of Secretary (Finance) for discussion on cooperation in bilateral and multilateral fields.

14—17 February 2000 6th Meeting of the India-China Working Group on Coal in Beijing. Signed agreed minutes on co- manufacture of spare parts of longwall machinery in India and exchange of information on coal mining techonology

17- —22 February 2000 6th Meeting of the India-China Joint Economic Group. Indian delegation led by Shri Murasoli Maran,

Date	Details
	Commerce & Industry Minister, held discussions with MOFTEC Minister Shi Guangsheng. India and China signed Minutes of JEG, a bilateral accord on WTO and MOU on establishing JWG on Ferrous metallurgy. Commerce & Industry Minister visited Beijing, Shanghai, Xiazmen and Quanzhou.
6-7 March 2000	First Round of India-China Security Dialogue at the level of JS(D&ISA) RaKesh Sood and DG(Asia) Zhang Jiuhuan.

Financial assistance to projects

*304. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has been requested to provide financial assistance as well as special assistance from the centre for the projects like Bamsan-Lagwalti-Sarkaghat-Dharampur water supply project, Larji Hydro-Electric project, Shah-Nehar Major Irrigation project and Swan Catchment treatment project; and

(b) if so, details thereof with action taken thereon, so far?

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(b) Brief details and action taken in respect of the 4 Projects are as follows:

Bamsau-Lagwalti-Sarkaghat-Dharampur water supply project: This project costing about Rs. 78 crore has been posed for external assistance;

Larji Hydro-Electric project: The cost of this project stands at Rs. 689.06 crore. The outlay approved by the Planning Commission for this project during 9th Plan stands at Rs. 200 crore. For Annual Plan 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000, the approved Outlay stand at Rs. 5 crore; Rs. 40 crore and Rs. 40 crore respectively. For Annual Plan 2000-01, the State Government has proposed an outlay of Rs. 68.86 crore.

Shah-Nehar Major Irrigation Project: The cost of construction of the Shah-Nehar project is to be shared between the Governments of Punjab and Himachal